

Don't Chase The New Year Away

"All I Want For Christmas", Part 3 of 3
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"He who works his land will have abundant food, but he who chases fantasies lacks judgment." (Proverbs 12:11, NIV)

THE CHASE HAS A COST...

1) To our FAMILIES: it elevates CAREER over RELATIONSHIP.

"Now the third day was Pharaoh's birthday, and he gave a feast for all his officials. He lifted up the heads of the chief cupbearer and the chief baker in the presence of his officials: He restored the chief cupbearer to his position, so that he once again put the cup into Pharaoh's hand, but he hanged the chief baker, just as Joseph had said to them in his interpretation. The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him."

(Genesis 40:20-23, NIV)

2) To our LEADERSHIP: it hides our INSECURITIES.

"When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with tambourines and lutes. As they danced, they sang:

'Saul has slain his thousands,
and David his tens of thousands.'

"Saul was very angry; this refrain galled him. 'They have credited David with tens of thousands,' he thought, 'but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?' And from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David."

(1 Samuel 18:6-9, NIV)

3) To our FAITH: it turns SPIRITUALITY into a TO-DO LIST.

"If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless."

(Philippians 3:4b-6, NIV)

PEOPLE WHO HAVE GIVEN UP THE CHASE CONTINUALLY...

- **Redefine BUSYNESS**
- **Examine the "WHY" behind the "YES"**
- **Protect their SABBATH to refuel their SOUL**
- **Create SPACE for the SPONTANEOUS**

// What is God saying today through His Word?

// What do I need to do about it?